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COING AHEAD.

People of Topeka Didn't Miss a

Single Step

In the Grand March Toward the

Auditorium

Committee to Investigate the Charges Sits Today.

Will Conduct Its Sessions in a Committee Room-

ELECTS ITS OFFICERS.

Promises Some Interesting Developments-But Little

Known of the Character of the Testimony Expected.

The committee appointed by the legislature to investigate the charges of bribery in connection with numerous measures which were considered at the last session, began work today. The members are: Benators M. A. Householder and A. S. Cooke, and Representatives Frank Grimes, Lot Ravenscraft and O. O. Outcall. Representative Outcall is chairman

and Mr. Grimes is secretary.
The committee consumed four hours in executive session yesterday afternoon in the election of a cierk and stenographer. J. B. French secured the first position and Miss Maude Stonecypher of Atchison

was elected stenographer.
The committee adjourned last night un-til 9 o'clock this morning, at which time

but three members were present.

The committee assembled in the senate chamber which was cold as a bacn. This did not suit Senator Householder and he moved to adjourn to the senate judiciary committee room. This was carried and committeemen, wifnesses and newspaper reporters went to that room. There the reporters went to that room. There income furniture was covered with dust, there was no fire, but one table and a half dezen chairs, for 25 men, the committee members, reporters and committee officials. It was an uninviting prospect but the members were not deterred from establishing themselves therein.

Mr. Forrest, the sergeant-at-arms of the committee went to Charles M. Ross, the assistant secretary of state to secure some additional furniture for the rooms Mr. Ross referred Forrest to the superintendent of the building, Mr. Lehman Mr. Forrest informed Lehman that the committee desired some chairs and would also be pleased to note the presence of a junitar to clean the rooms. To this request Mr. Lehman replied that the janitors had enough work to do and could not be sparred to serve the committee. Mr. Forrest then returned to the com-

mittee room and the members and men who wanted chairs proceeded to go out into the senate chamber and carry then

The committee assumed all the dig-The committee assumed all the dig-nity possible and announced an execu-tive session. The witnesses and re-porters were requested to leave, which they did, and ten minutes ended the secret cancus. Then the stenographer was not present, a wait of one hour and a half having already been required by her absence. Air. Grimes went to the office of the attorney general and se-cured Miss Lizzle Crain to take testi-mony.

Mr. Grimes escorted Miss Crain into the room and she took a seat at the desk prepared to do the work.

"Miss Crain will take the testimony until the stenographer elected by the committee arrives," said Mr. Grimes. Chairman Outcalt said, addressing the

"The committee has decided that no testimony will be taken until after dinner, and we will not need the services of a stenographer at this time."

'I am sorry that you have been troubled to come up here," continued Mr. Outcatt to Miss Crain, "but Mr. Grimes upon his own responsibility and without authority from the committee, brought you here."

Miss Crain left the room while Mr. Grimes stared in astonishment at Outcalt, finding breath after a while to exclaim: committee has decided that no

You gave me the worst of that, Out-

calt. I was merely trying to help mat-ters out,as the stenographer which your committee has elected, has not yet pre-sented herself."
"Nevertheless." replied Outcalt, "you acted without authority."

EXAMINATION REGINS. EXAMINATION REGINS.

At 1 o'clock the committee assembled, but it was 2 o'clock before the work began. Representative Fairchild was the first witness. He was asked by the assistant attorney general, who first read the concurrent resolution under which the investigation was brought, what he knew of the attempted briberies in connection with various bills pending before the legislature. Fairchild said: "Do you want what I know, or what I have heard?"

Mr. Schneiling—What you know of

Mr. Schnelling-What you know, of

I know nothing. Q.—Have you any personal knowledge of any attempts to exert influences for or against certain measures? A.—Supporters of the different measures called upon me, but in no instance did anyone attempt to approach me in did anyone attempt to approach me in any other than a legitimate and proper manner. I did receive some letters pertaining to school book legislation.

Q-Do you know who sent the let-

A.—I am not sure.
Q.—Have you the letter*
A.—I have.
Q.—Will you read it?
A.—Yes, sir,
The letter follows:
Hon. Clem Fairchild:
Hell knows no fury like a people betrayed. We know Wilson. We know you. Support the school book bill bill without amendment. A word to the wise is sufficient. Asked to narrate what followed, he

went, in response to an invitation, I went, in response to an invitation, to Speaker Street's room and found that he had received a similar letter. We went to see Mr. Stryker. I handed him the letters and asked him if he had any knowledge concerning them. After reflecting for some moments, he said that he did not."

picion as to the person who wrote or dictated that letter?

A-I do not propose to state to this committee what my suspicions are. I have them, to be sure, but until I have sufficient evidence to back them up, I will not make any charges against a man, woman or child connected with the legislature.

Q-What do you know in reference to charges of bribery having been made against senators or representatives involving their moral standing?

A-Many things were said in my presence against members of the house who are, in my opinion, above suspicion. Nothing I heard affected me in any manner and in my opinion did not affect the moral standing of others. Members of the profession, do not, as a rule, pay much attention to such things.

Q-Did you ever hear anything from members with reference to any subject?

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A.—Mr. Marty of Clay told me that a certain senator had asked him to vote for the school bill as it stood, because he, the senator, had a friend whom he desired to have appointed on that commission, but Marty made a motion in the house which I supported, providing that no member of the legislature should be appointed as a member of the commission because the senator had made that statement to him.

Q.—Do you know of any attempted belberies, or an attempt to exercise undue influence?

A.—I think not.
Q.—Have you told all you know about attempted briberies or misconduct?
A.—Ves, to the first proposition; no, to the second.

A.—Yes, to the first proposition; no, to the second. Q.—What do you know as to miscon-

duet?

A.—A number of bills were tampered with; some not intentionally, perhaps, out in my opinion, the banking bill was changed as the result of a preconcerted. olan to do so, but I cannot give explicit aformation as to who did it. Changes a the railroad bill were made through

"Changes were made in the Topeka auditorium bill," continued Mr. Fair-child, "but if mistakes were made, it

child, "but if mistakes were made, it was due to the mistakes of the parties who had it in charge."

Senator Householder—Do you know what amount the railroad commissioners' contingent fund bill specified?

A.—The bill was, as I remember, considered on Saturday, when I was away. I know nothing about it.

Mr. Grimes—What have you heard concerning those anonymous letters recently?

cently?

A.—An answer to that question would involve a young woman, and would not interest this committee.

Mr. Schnelling—Do you know who wrote the letters?

A.—I do not.

This concluded the examination of the witness but Mr. Palechuld and "There

This concluded the examination of the witness but Mr. Fairchild said: "There is one thing I want to go into this record. Recently while in Kansas City. I called upon a wholesale liquor dealer and asked him if it was true that they had been requested to send a lobby to Topeka and work for the initiative and referendum. He replied that it was true, but said their business was sails-factory under the Kansas prohibitory law, was in fact more than satisfactory, and that was the reason why they declined to assist the advocates of the initiative and referendum through which resubmission was promised."

Asked to name some of the men who had made such statements to him, he stated that he had forgotten.

4.000 MEN LOCKED OUT. Illinois Steel Co. Closes its South Chicago Works.

Chicago, April 8.-Four thousand men were forced out of employment by the closing of the works of the Illinois Steel company at South Chicago last night. This action was taken by the officials to head off a strike. Employes declare they will resist the lock-out Officials assert that the works will be reopened next Monday.

Rail straighteners are responsible for the trouble. The officials of the company claim that the workmen broke their yearly contract which was made a few months ago. As a result of the strained relations, it is said, the Amaigamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers is in great danger of being disbanded. Vice President Davis thinks nothing of this kind will happen. General Manager Walker of the Illinois Steel company says the fight is but a dispute among the workmen and the company has nothing to do with the matter more than holding employes to

It is said that the company has reduced the scale of wages since the fall in the price of rails, and the question has been a much disputed point ever Rail straighteners have since. Rail straighteness have coused it with the managers at different times and threatened to quit work, as they claimed they could not make as much money as when the price of rails was above \$20.

The majority of the workmen swear

vengeance against the rail straighten-ers for closing the works.

VICTIM OF A VENDETTA. John Cerani is Stabbed Five Times While Asleep.

Kane, Pa., April 8 .- John Cerani is the vicitim of an Italian vendetta and is likely to die. While he was asleep at his home late yesterday a fellow countryman named Morasco stole into his shanty and inflicted five deep wounds in the sleeping man's neck and face with a stiletto, almost sever-

ing the jugular vein.
Morasco came here from Philadelphia a short time ago. It now appears that he is a member of the Maria and was sent here to put Cerani out of the way. Morasco is in jall awaiting the outcome of Ceranl's injuries.

Equitable Union Gives Up.

Jamestown, N. Y., April 8.—Albert forgan, supreme president of the Equi-Morgan, supreme president of the Equi-table Aid union, a fraternal insurance company with headquarters at Colum-bus, Pa., and with a large membership in many states, acknowledged to the Associated Press today that there is no hope for the future of the union. A percentage will be paid on claims now due.

Climate Cures.

If you go soon enough to the right cli-mate, any to the Sait River Valley of Arizona or the New Mexico health re-sorts. Unrivaled for the relief or cure that he did not."

It was apparent in Mr. Fairchild's demeanor that he believed Mr. Stryker to be the author of or at least in a measure responsible for the letters.

Q-Why did you go to see Stryker?

A-One reason was that Mr. Stryker had asked me to see him privately about the school book bill, and I thought that perhaps the communication might be from some one opposed to the bill.

Q-Do you know or have you any sus-

Mr. Simpson Attacks Speaker Reed

In a Fierce Speech on the Floor PORTO RICO IN REVOLT. of the House.

TRIED TO GET EVEN

For Things Reed Said at Wichita.

The Speaker Lets Him Go On and Replies Calmly.

Washington, April 8 .- The most interesting feature of the house session yesterday was a passage between Repesentative Simpson, the Kansas Popullst, and Speaker Reed. Mr. Simpsor gave voice to the opposition to the speaker's temporary policy of inaction, which has been smoldering in some quarters, by speaking to a question of privilege. He finished a flery denunciation of the speaker by demanding that he appoint the committees of the house at once and gave notice that he would prevent any more attempts to do business by unanimous consent. Several Republican members attempted stem the tide of Mr. Simpson's attack, but Mr. Reed seemed to desire to hear it, and declined to interfere. He listened calmly to the speech, and then, with his usual coolness and lucidity, replied that the speaker was merely the instrument of the house, that he had enforced what he supposed to be the policy desired by the majority and that the house had power to command the speaker if it disapproved of his course. The Republicans expressed their approval by a round of handciapping.

When Mr. Simpson obtained the floor he waved aloft a copy of the Forum and proceeded to read rapidly from an article by Senator Hoar, entitled, "Has the Senate Degenerated?" The extract which he quoted follows:

"The promptness with which the house of representatives deals with some important questions is a good and declined to interfere. He listened

house of representatives deals with some important questions is a good thing; but its capacity for prompt action is purchased at the price of the repudiation of public debts and the suppression of constitutional rights, personal dignity and official authority of the great mass of its members. Gentlemen occupy seats there who, from the beginning to the end of their term of service, are not permitted to make a motion or to utter a word to the assembly of which they are members. Perhaps wise legislation may be se-

trouble is that if the committees were appointed, where one just claim passed there would be ten unjust ones. Is this not a reflection on this house? I ask the honorable speaker.

"In the Fifty-first congress the power

of the minority to protest had been taken away and the speaker giver veto power." Mr. Simpson continued "It was unsafe to give one man such power, for where one despot of 100 might use his power wisely, the other 93 would prove bad despots. The speaker had come into Kansas during the elec-tion and had said on the stump that for four years the Seventh congres-sional district (Mr. Simpson's) had

sional district (Mr. Simpson's) had been represented by chaos. When the speaker refused to appoint committees, the house was ruled by chaos.
"I demand that the speaker appoint these committees," he shouted. "As long as I am a member of this house no business shall be done by unanimous consent and only in the regular form no business shall be done by unanimous consent, and only in the regular form after opportunity for consideration by the members. The members of this house have given the speaker the veto power by the adoption of the rules of the last congress. The people might as well have saved themselves the expense of electing members, and given all the power to the speaker. This is not now a legislative body, and I insist that its power be returned to the house."

In conclusion he said that the president had recommended that congress enter on financial legislation, and the returns from Chicago, Cincinnati and Detroit indicated that the people wanted financial legislation.

There was a profound silence when Speaker Reed began to explain his policy. He said:

"The house will perceive that the gentieman from Kansas (Mr. Simpson)

gentieman from Kanas (Mr. Simpson) has made no proposition whatever upon the subject. He has simply stated his own views, and the chair has thought perhaps it was best that the matter should be stated and that the house should consider it. So far as the power of the speaker is concerned, everyone who has made the subject the matter of consideration understands that his power is solely the power of the house and the house can at any moment change the action which its representative sees fit to indulge in. The house has the power at all times and while the rules of the house require certain committees to be appointed, there has always been allowed to the chair a reasonable amount of discretion as to the time when they should be appointed. sonable amount of discretion as to the time when they should be appointed. Opportunity is always allowed to the chair to find out something about members, so that he may do the duties which are imposed upon him in the most intelligent way of which he is capable. "The chair has had full consultation with the various members as he has met them upon the subject, and until this morning be supposed it was the unanimous feeling of the house that it was not necessary to appoint the committees in haste, because the public service did not require it. The chair is sorry to see that any gentleman in the

sorry to see that any gentleman in the house has lent himself to the sugges-tions which are sometimes made out-side of the house with regard to the power of the occupant of the chair. It is a power that is given to him by the house for its purposes alone not for any selfish purposes, not for him to carry

out any personal desires or designs of his own, but to carry out the wishes of the house as he understands them, after a faithful and conscientious examination of the subject. If the house thinks that any occupant of the chair is not carrying out its wishes, is not acting as its representative, the remedy is in the hands of the house at any time; and the chair cheerfully welcomes any action on the part of the house, whose representative he is." (Prolonged application on the Republican side.)

One More of Spain's Colonies Joins the Ranks of the Rebels. New York, April 8.-The Herald today

Dr. J. Julio Henna, president of the Porto Rican revolutionary committee in this city, has received private information from the committee in the island of Porto Ricoto the effect that the country had taken up areas against the Spanish government, the uprising having taken place in Yauco and Adjuntas. Dr. Henna upon the receipt of the news at once called together all the members of the committee and held a conference with them at his home. No persons except members of the committee were allowed to take part in the meeting. When seen at a late hour at his home last night Dr. Henna said: "The news

When seen at a late hour at his home last night Dr. Henna said: "The news though startling did not surprise me, as the latest man advices from Porto Rico brought us the information that the situation there was becoming every day more serious.

"According to our correspondent, the Spanish authorities there were acting toward the people as if they wrere anxious to precipitate matters by driving them to desperation and therefore to arms. The information contained in the cablegram we have received though important, is meagre in detail. We expect full particulars by the next mail. Until then I prefor not to discuss the matter. Of course, I am willing to admit that I have received a cablegram. It rend as follows:

"'Our country up in arms. Movement started at Yauco and Adjuntas.'"

"All the members of the committee were very reticent after the meeting but one of the more prominent who would not permit his name to be published said: The fact is this movement in Porto Rico has started rather earlier than was agreed upon but no doubt circumstances of which we know nothing must have compelled our brethren there to take the step at once."

OFFICIALLY DENIED.

Madrid, April 8.—An official denial has been issued to the report that a revolt against the Spanish government has broken in the island of Porto Rico.

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He Resigns the Chairmanship of the Oklahoma Populist Committee.

of the great mass of its members, Gentlemen occupy seats there who, from the beginning to the end of their term of service, are not permitted to make a motion or to utter a word to the assembly of which they are members. Perhaps wise legislation may be secured while one house is conducted on that principle, but I am afraid free government would not long endure if it were applied to both houses."

Mr. Simpson read very rapidly, and Mr. Steele protested in an angry tone, but the speaker paid no attention to the member from Indiana.

"I represent a large district," shouted the Kansan, tossing down the magazine, "and the refusal of the speaker to appoint the committees of this house deprives me and my constituents of the right to do business. I propose to rise here and protest against this autocratic dictation. It is reported in the newspapers that the speaker says that the trouble is that if the committees were appointed, where one just claim passed there would be ten unjust ones. Is this not a reflection on this house? I ask the honorable speaker.

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Vincent has been a chief of Populism in Oklahoma for six years, as he was for many years in Kansas.

Y. W. C. A. IN SESSION. Societies Holding a National Convention at Detroit.

Detroit, April 8.—The first session of the convention of International Young Women's Christian associations was held this afternoon in the Woodward avenue Baptist church.

Hev. James M. Gray, D. D., of Boston was of the leading high teachers of the need the leading bible teachers of the country conducted an opening prepara-tory service. After the preliminary exer-cises the convention was organized and reports were made from various branches of the young women's work.

Evidence of Civilization. Another instance of the rapid prog ress the Japanese are making in modern civilization is shown in the fact that the native babies have learned to cry in the improved American or European fashion. In the palmy days, before the Japs had learned so much, their babies were models of propriety, and were searcely ever heard to whimper. Now they bawl as long and as loudly as the most civilized infant ever seen.

Cycling Skirt with Plaits. A new cycling skirt has two straight plaits in the back which are made separate and partially detached, so that they fall gracefully on either side of the wheel, and beneath this is a regular skirt at the back, which completes it for a walking skirt as well.

Stains on Wall Paper. Fresh stains upon wall paper where people have rested their heads can be removed by covering the spot with a

mixture of pipe clay and water made into a soft paste and letting it remain over night. Then brush it off with a stiff whisk broom. A Valuable Prescription. Editor Morrison of Worthington, Ind., "Sun." writes: "You have available prescription in Electric Bitters and I can cheerfully recommend it for sonstipation and sick headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Stehle, 2525 Cottage Grove avenue, Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric

and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and re-newed her strength. Prices 50 cents and \$1. Get a bottle at J. K. Jones' drug store, Fifth street and Kansas

Mineral Water, The finest in the west. Come and try it. J. W. PHILLIPS, 612 W. Eighth Ave.

Mrs. Mary E. Lease Who Is In Topeka Today

Says She Found Lots of Them in New York.

THEY ARE WILLING

For the Government to Manage Public Utilities.

But At Present Are the Victims of Circumstances.

Mrs. Mary E. Lease is in Topeka. She noon and was driven to the Throop where she secured the best room in the Mrs. Lease never looked as well as

she does now. She bears every evidence that her stay in New York agreed with her finances as well as her health. She refused to register at the hotel because she did not care to be bothered, and few people knew that she was in the city. The only caller Mrs. Lease had vas David Overmyer.

New York dresamakers have exerted themselves to make the famous Kansas voman orator more regal in appearance streets on Gay street with the exception of the McGee building on one end, the langest and handsomest block in the city, is a mass of ruins and the loss is estimated at nearly a million dollars. Several people were slightly injured, the most serious being Joe McMillan who has a leg broken. The fire was discovered about 4 o'clock in the wholesale grocery store of the McNuity Grocery company by a porter of the Knox hotel, which adjoins the grocery. A general alarm was turned in and all the local fire companies were soon on the than she has ever been. She was adorn d with a magnificent gown of purple loth trimmed with black braid. At her eck and wrists were ruchings of white

and green,
A Journal reporter found her in her room at the Throop. She was sitting at a table writing upon some "special work," the nature of which she did not

"I am doing some work for the news-papers, now," said she, "and it is for that I am here. I cannot tell you now what it is."

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"So you are going to leave Kansas?" asked the reporter.

Mrs. Lease looked a trifle startled. "I am going to leave Kansas? Well. I should think not. Kansas is my home and will always be. I have no intention of leaving the state, and any reports to the contrary are not true. My home will continue to be in Wichita. Of course it will be necessary for me to be out of the state occasionally, but I shall always return."

"But you are going to Europe for a visit this summer?"

"No, I am not going to Europe, either. At least, not now, I may cross the ocean sometime for a visit or on business, but I have no intention of going immediately. I have had several flattering offers to go, but I prefer to stay here as long as I am doing well, and I am satisfied."

Mrs. Lease leaned gracefully back in her chair with a satisfied expression on or countenance, as if she had an ex-

per chair with a satisfied expression on her countenance, as if she had an ex-sellent opinion of the country and ev-

eryone in it,

"How were you impressed with New
York people?"

"They are just lovely," replied Mrs.
Lease with enthusiasm."I did not dream
that the people of New York were such
nice people. Western folks seem to
think that they are trying to grind the
life out of everyone, but that is not true

—They are perfectly willing to adapt
themselves to new conditions as soon as
they come and the millionaires would they come and the millionaires would not stand in the way of reforms. They have to be what they are because of the conditions, and over those conditions they have no control. As soon as they are not compelled to protect themselves, the western people will find that the New York millionaires think very much

'I met many of the rich men of New "I met many of the rich men of New York, and I know that at heart they are socialists. They will not say they are. If you called them socialists they would deny it. They don't want you to label their belief—that is the trouble, but after you listen to them you would be satisfied in your own mind that they are as much socialists as any one. "Nothing can be done to make times better until the government takes hold of the public utilities and the rich men in the east are perfectly willing for n the east are perfectly willing for hat time to come. They do not dare to take a stand because the conditions

ompel them to be what they seem to Who are the New York millionaires you met that are socialists?" asked the

you met that are socialists?" asked the reporter.
"I do not care to give their names, but I met Chauncey Depew, John Brishane Walker and several others."
"Did you meet Russell Saye?"
"Yes, I met Mr. Sage. He is an exception. He is really the personification of greed. I think he would care a great deal more about spending 5 cents than I would.
"But the city of New York itself is a wonderful place," continued Mrs.

wonderful place," continued Mrs Lease. "They are doing things there They are ridding out the old tenement They are ranning out the out teachers houses and building new modern ones. Then the streets are kept perfectly clean; they have a whole army of workmen busy sweeping the streets, and thay are kept cleaner than many wives keep their floors. In New York they take care of their poor, but in Chicago they let them starve."

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"You met Fresident McKinley. What did you think of him?"

"Well, I was not very favorably impressed with him. I believe he is a good man, but even if he had more force I suppose he could do nothing. It is conditions that make him what he is, just like conditions make the New York millionaires. I do not believe that any one man is the exar of the McKinley administration. It is conditions that have forced a cabinet of millionaires upon President McKinley and he could

"You met Mr. Bryan, also. What do you think of him?"

"Mr. Bryan is a grand man, but if he will accept the opportunities in the next few years he will find much room for growth."

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Mrs. Lease then turned her attention to Cuba. "I believe that Fresident Mckin-ley will be forced to recognize the independence of Cuba." said she. "I believe that the government will be forced to do so. There is a little handful of people batting for their independence just as we did a few years ago and we stand back on our dignity and refuse to recognize their independence. I tell you it is simply outrageous. If it had not been for our army of shop keepers who were afraid they would have been injured, Cuban lindependence would have been recognized long ago."

"Would there be no danger of war with Spain?"
"No, certainly not. Spain cannot bor-row money to carry on her little flasco

with Cuba. What could they do with this

with Cuba. What could they do with this country?"

"I want to say one thing," said Mrs. Lease, "and that is that I think that the situation in this country is growing brighter. I see a light shead and I believe we will reach the goal for which a few of us have been striving for years. Every thing points that way and I am glad that it is so. The time will come when the government will control all public utilities as it should and there are hundreds of rich men who are just as anxious to see that time come as I am. It is not far away."

Mrs. Lease says she may stay in Kansas during the greater part of the summer. She will at least be here until her daughter graduates at the state university in June. The daughter is said to be a counterpart of her mother and will probably study iaw.

Mrs. Lease is now in the employ of the James M. Pond Lyceum bureau which has charge of lecturers like Mark Twain and others of the same standing. She is under contract to tour the New England states under the supervision of the bureau in the near future, but says she does not know when she will commence her work. She expects to lecture in New York again though she delivered at least 50 different lectures in that city during the past year. Journalism is one of Mrs. Lease's present amusements. She has written much for the New York World and says that it is the greatest paper on earth and Editor Pulitzer is one of the most wonderful of men. He pays excellent prices.

Mrs. Lease refused to laik about Kansas politics because, she said, she knew nothing about the state of affairs here. On Account of the Attempted "Scare" Over the Bill. ONE BIG ASSOCIATION Formed Last Night Including Every Musical Society

The Principal Business Block

In the City a Mass of Ruins.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 8 .- A spec-

lal to the News from Knoxville says

The most disastrous fire ever experi-

enced in Knoxville occurred this morn-

ing between 4 and 8 o'clock. 'The entire

block between Union and Reservoir

streets on Gay street with the exception

fom Speck, jumped from third story;

J. M. Loop of Salisbury, N. C., jumped; seriously injured.

WHISKY EXPLODES

Destroying a Train of 14 Cars of the

pany rushed to the scene but the entire train of 14 cars was destroyed. The trainmen escaped injury, but Ot-

to Crenshaw, who was stopping in one of the cars was planed to the burning floor. He was removed to the hospital in a serious condition.

CLOUDS SPEED AWAY.

Gold Tonight but Weather Observer

Jennings Promises Warmth

The Arion-Cooke quartette entertain-ment is at Washburn college Saturday evening, April 10th, and not tonight, as

The Ideal Panacea

James L. Francis, alderman, Chicago, rays. "I regard Dr. Kirg's New Discovery as an ideal panacea for coughs, olds and lung complaints, having used to in my family for the past five years a the exclusion of physicians' prescrip-

tions or other preparations."
Rev. John Bergus, Keokuk, In.
writes: "I have been a minister of the
Methodist Episcopal church for 56

years or more, and have never found anything so beneficial or that gave me such speedy relief as Dr. King's New Discovery." Try this ideal cough rem-edy now. Trial bottles free at J. K.

Jones' drug store, Fifth street and Kansas avenue.

rreneously announced heretofore,

Tomorrow.

Big Four Road.

In the City, Besides All the Brass Bands.

THECOMMERCIALCLUB KNOXVILLE IN FLAMES

Will Discuss the Great Midway Plaisance Fair

Or Whatever it May Be Called, To Raise Money.

The first organization to secure the Topeka auditorium was made last night. It is but one of several that will be effected to boom "New Topeka." L. M. Crawford's bugaboo has not frightened anyone. The people of Topeka are used to obstructionists, and know that the only way to get along with them is to pay no attention to them.

The Commercial club will meet next Wednesday evening, when D. J. Greenwald's scheme for giving an enormous fair or Midway Plaisance exhibition, will be discussed and the Elks and similar organizations will be requested to take hold of the proposed fair.

There is no going backward. The poople have decided to have an auditorium, and they will have one. Public sentiment is a powerful thing, and there is

ment is a powerful thing, and there is no use trying to curb it when it is directed in the right direction, as in the present instance.

The "Auditorium Musical Festival association" is the name of the organization is unched last evening by the committees from the musical organizations of the city. Its purpose is to give a six nights' musical festival in the new auditorium to assist in paying for its construction.

The new association will be a strong one if for no other reason than near one if for no other reason than near elected as president of it. Major Anderson last been at the head of many public enterprises in the past, and he has never known failure.

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hotel, which adjoins the grocery. A general alarm was turned in and all the local fire companies were soon on the scene. Their efforts proved futile, however, and the flames spread rapidly.

Among the heaviest losers are:

Daniel Briscoe & Co., wholesale dry goods; Sterchi Bros, wholesale and retail furniture; Marble City Hat company, wholesale hats; A. P. Laper Dry Goods company. Haines and company, wholesale shoes; S. B. Newman & Co., printers; Cullen Newman & Co., printers; F. W. Woodruff & Co., wholesale hardware; Henneger Doyle & Co., printers; Cullen Newman & Co., printers; Cullen Reper Brygger And Company, Wholesale day, Pr. Laper Dry Goods & Co., who known fallure.

The committee met last evening in the Modoc club rooms for the purpose of discussing the advisability of the musical clubs in the city combining for a week of music.

L. M. Wood was chairman of the meeting, and in opening he said:

"We have made out a sort of plan of organization here. There ought to be a president, three or more vice presidents, secretary, manager and a few working committees. Now, I think it would be county; rescued from third story of Knox hotel by firemen; probably fatal-

secretary, manager and a few working committees. Now, I think it would be a fine thing to have Maj. Anderson for the president. That will give the thing a good standing."

John Marshall—All right: I move that Tom Anderson be elected president. (Carried.) I think we ought to have a vice president from each of the musical organizations which will take part.

Mr. Wood—Now, we want to get a good name for the association.

It was decided to call it a musical festival association, and upon suggestion the word auditorium was added to give it more specific bearing and importance. In the election of a secretary, W. C. Ferguson, member of Marshall's band, was selected.

The other officars will be selected at

Indianapolis, April 8.-A Big Four The other officers will be selected at the meeting to be held next Thursday evening. April 15, at the Modoc club-rooms. Each musical organization will appoint its own vice president which the association will confirm. freight was annihilated by an explosion at the Belt Junction today. The trouble probably originated in a car loaded with whisky. The car had a hot box After the terrific explosion a fire com-

the association will confirm.

In explaining the plan of work, which has been carefully discussed and ideas gained from a large number of citizens.

L. M. Wood said: "We have talked with a great many about this musical festival and from what we hear it will be a hig success. The plan was to have six nights of musical jubilee such as has never been heard before in the west. This will be for the opening of the auditorium. The idea was to sell tickets in advance for it and put the money in the building fund. As many as one hundred persons have told me money in the building fund. As many as one hundred persons have told my personally that they would buy tickets. I think the tickets ought to be pur on sale as soon as we get the work of the association in hand. Fall Festival week seems to be the best time for this festival. We can be sure of filling the auditorium for every night. The price of admission ought to be low, say 25 cents. Now, if that auditorium could be filled all six nights that would bring in the sum of \$9,000. This is independent of standing room. I think that there is no doubt that the thing would be a big hit. I have talked with Major Anderson and Edward Wilder about having a single admission ticket to the auditorium placed on all round trip tickets to the Fall Festival. In this way a large number of tickets could be Tomorrow.

The cloudy weather will leave us for a time says Observer Jennings of the government weather bureau. It will be a little cooler tonight but tomorrow the temperature will be somewhat higher. Today the wind is blowing from the north about 16 miles an hour and this is indicative of clear, cooler weather soon. This morning at 7 o'clock Mr. Jennings thermometers registered 30 degrees and this afternoon at 2 o'clock 47 degrees. The drizzling rain of yesterday did not amount to much, only mensuring sixhundreths of an inch up to 7 o'clock last evening. Since then, however, and up to noon today 70-100ths of an inch of water had failen. The Kanass river will rise considerably, say the weather officials, tomorrow and Saturday.

The area of the low barometer located yesterday morning in the southwest was quite forbidable storm area this morning so far as rain was concerned, with the center near the Guif coast. It caused quite heavy rains in portions of Kansas and the lower Ohio valley and moderately heavy rains elsewhere in the western states and portions of the southwest. At 7 o'clock this morning rain was falling in the eastern half of Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri. way a large number of tickets could be sold. In the matter of the concerts the programme committee can arrange for them up to the performances. One whole evening will have to be devoted to the Festival chorus to sing the 'Creation.' Then there will be an abundance of band music and the other musiance of band music and the other musi cal organizations can be depended up-on to fill in their share. I think that the Saturday night concert should consist of a variety of music from all or ganizations, with a little specialty work. Make it a sort of caunival con-

Mr. Wood's suggestions met with the approval of the members and the meet-ing adjourned to meet next Thursday

The following musical organizations in the city have been invited to take part, most of which have already appointed their committees to meet with the Auditorium Musical Fertival associated. octation:

Modoc club. Festival chorus. Mozart club. Arion Singing society. Turner Singing society. Ladies' Music club.

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